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Dear Dr. Jane Summerson:

Thank you for the information regarding your new proposal for radioactive waste disposal (*Supplement to the Draft . . .*) and the opportunity to respond.

I would first like to apologize for the language and manner in which I last wrote to the Department of Energy regarding radioactive waste disposal. When I last wrote you, I was concerned about the disposal site being on active fault lines, but the language I used to express my feelings on the issue were very inappropriate and rude.

1 In *Geology of the Great Basin* by Bill Fiero, (Copyright 1986, University of Nevada Press), under the heading "Recent Volcanic Activity" (p.138) it states: "Basaltic cinder cones and lava flows with local sources occur along a trend from southern California through the western side of the Nevada Test Site to the Lunar Crater area of northern Nye County, Nevada. Here there are flows and cones so recent that they appear to have been little altered by erosion." This information regarding recent seismic activity in the vicinity of the proposed site is of some concern to me. However, I understand that the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste is a very difficult task which becomes more complicated the more it is looked into.

Whatever you decide, I have faith that you are doing your best, with the welfare and safety of the people as your first priority. Thank you again for this opportunity to respond, and thank you for not blowing us all to smithereens and sinking California into the Pacific.

Sincerely,



Edward Smith